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### **Women and Heart Disease and Cardiac Research in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Presentations**

The Cardiac Research Institute at Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) will host an open house on **Saturday, June 22** as part of the St. John weekend festivities on the Masonic Care Community campus in Utica. The Laboratory will be open for tours from 10:30 AM to 3 PM. Tours will include experimental cardiology, molecular genetics, molecular biology, stem cell and organ bioengineering research and will allow for interaction with MMRL scientists and staff. The MMRL will also have several gift cards included in a drawing at the end of the day for anyone who signs up for their email list.

Two special public presentations are planned. **At 10:30 AM**, Ronald Kamp, Director of Development and Communications will present *Women and Heart Disease*. He will discuss risk factors, symptoms and lifestyle changes as well as how research and medical intervention can prevent or reduce heart disease, particularly in women.

**At 12:00 Noon**, Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, Executive Director, will present *Cardiac Research in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, focused on exciting new advances in heart disease and the impact of MMRL's achievements in molecular genetics, cardiac electrophysiology, stem cell technology and organ bioengineering on the development of innovative new approaches to therapy of heart disease.

Both presentations will take place in the Royal Arch Masons Auditorium at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory. Seating is limited, so be sure to come early.

**At 11:30 AM**, the MMRL will host a tribute to the immediate past Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in the State of New York Michael T. Dunn in the RAM auditorium. Everyone is

welcome. Grand High Priest Richard Kessler and his elected grand line along with Grand Master James Sullivan, Deputy Grand Master William Thomas and other Masonic dignitaries and friends will be present for this event.

For additional information, please visit [www.mmrl.edu](http://www.mmrl.edu) or contact the Development and Communications office at (315) 735-2217.